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Letter from James M. Canfield, New York, New York, to George S. Pratt, New York, New York, 1901 February 19

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Dear Mr. Pratt:

I had a long talk with Mr. Cammann last evening---in which he seemed very favorably inclined and assured me that Trinity would do something: just what of course he could not say.

He did not seem inclined however to take the entire burden of the first mortgage---\$27,000---though I urged this as strongly as I knew how. He assured me that Trinity had at times crippled its own work by what it had promised to do for other churches, that it had gone beyond its real strength and beyond the point of wisdom in the past, that they were not nearly as well-to-do in point of income as people imagined, and that their work hereafter would be quite restricted as compared with their past. Yet he assured me that something would be done---and I felt quite sure that it would be better than they had done for the old parish.

As I was leaving, he told me that it was the neighborhood guild idea, that had captured his fancy. That when you went to him, some two years ago, he felt absolutely opposed to the whole scheme, to the parish, church and everything: but for years he had advocated building

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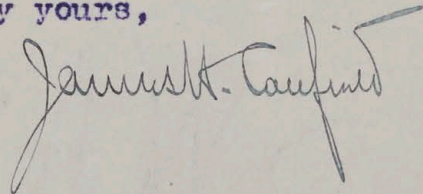
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the guild houses first and the churches afterwards, if both could not be built at once---and the novelty of uniting the two, and still carrying up the guild house first and manifesting the neighborhood idea was very pleasant to him.

I enclose you carbon copy of letter which I have sent him this morning.

Cordially yours,



Rev. George S. Pratt,

164 St. Nicholas Avenue, City.

Enclosure

New York, February 19, 1901.

Dear Mr. Cammann:

I gave most of last night, after my return, to a careful consideration of the entire question of the co-operation of Trinity Church with the Church of the Archangel.

It still seems to me that the wisest and safest thing for Trinity to do, all interests considered, is to take and hold the first mortgage -- or to become first mortgagee. If Trinity holds a second mortgage there is of course the bare possibility that it may be called upon to expend further moneys to protect itself against a foreclosure of the first mortgage. Holding the first mortgage, Trinity would be absolutely safe, the amount contributed would not be excessive, it would give more direct assistance to the parish than could be given in any other way, and at any time that Trinity felt that the parish was strong enough it could require payments upon the mortgage -- until the entire amount could be returned, if so desired.

I sincerely hope that this may be your final decision.

Very cordially yours,

[James H. Canfield]

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New York, N. Y.

Dr. Carpenter's letter
gives house mortgage

Was the draft last paid
the one wh. Dr Carpenter
wrote me was to ^{be} paid, Dec 15th
as wh was in the letter. I said 1901
March 20 - 1901 - G. S. Pratt
wrote that, Stone had paid all the
money pledged except 1,175⁻
how does this agree with Dr. C.?